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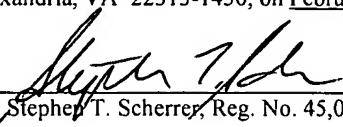
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TRANSACTION CARD AND
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		US 2003/0024995	02/06/2003	Finis, et al.		
		US 5,299,940	04/05/1994	Uenaka, et al.		
		US 5,793,502	08/11/1998	Bianco, et al.		
		US 6,121,069	09/19/2000	Boyko, et al.		
		US 6,250,555	06/26/2001	Inamoto		
		US 6,294,241	09/25/2001	Kaule, et al.		
		US 6,337,752	01/08/2002	Heckenkamp, et al.		
		US 6,382,506	05/07/2002	Van Der Valk		
		US 6,492,717	10/10/2002	Gore, et al.		
		US 6,533,180	03/18/2003	Wood		
		US 6,644,551	11/11/2003	Clayman, et al.		
		US 6,734,887	05/11/2004	Field		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
- 20 or HP =	0	x 50	= 0			50	25
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20							
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			200	100
- 3 or HP =	0	x 200	= 0			360	180
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